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WIGAN v OLDHAM

Saturday, 13th September, 1969

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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Our Visitors

It is our pleasure to welcome our friends from Oldham who come here today after having lost their first four league fixtures although last Saturday against Keighley and again on Monday at Blackpool got back to winning ways.

The main stay of their team over the last few years was, of course, Geoff Fletcher, whom we signed on at the beginning of the season, but the players of note in the Oldham side are full back and goal kicker Derek Whitehead who after signing from Swinton played in numerous positions before making full back his own position. One of their latest signings is ex-Workington centre Jim Crellin, who since his arrival has certainly strengthened the Oldham threequarter line.

At stand-off half they have transfer listed Wilf Briggs and out of the team at present is their regular scrum half Tommy Canning who at the beginning of the season was undecided whether to continue playing or emigrate to Australia.

In the forwards their main strength lies in the hooking ability of Kevin Taylor with strong forwards in Wilson and Irving.

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Official Notes

Up to going to press the result of the Salford match is not known but after our two previous defeats at Leigh and Whitehaven we are hoping that we have got back to winning ways at Salford.

After our seven successive wins we were certainly below form on our visit to Hilton Park. The main difference between these two sides was, of course, Alex Murphy whose constant kicking created many problems for our team, but even though we lost by 14 points to 6 we still had our chances to win this game notably the two tries that were disallowed when both David Hill and John Stephens were over the Leigh line. Also the off form of our goal kicker Colin Tyrer who failed on four occasions to put us in the lead with not too difficult kicks at goal.

On Saturday last we travelled to Whitehaven and although we were without five regular players, these being Frankie Parr, Keri Jones, Geoff Fletcher and Bill Francis who were all out of the team through injury, and of course, Bill Ashurst who is under a two match suspension. We still fully expected to gain two points at the Recreation Ground but our form on this occasion was just too bad to be true, without taking any credit from Whitehaven, it appeared that with more effort and only doing simple things we

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should have been successful, After taking a five points lead with only five minutes to go before half time we looked to be on the way to victory but some very poor tackling, which was our downfall throughout the match, allowed second row forward Bowman to score under the post right on half time. With the scores level well into the second half we did have far more play than Whitehaven but on the three occasions that Whitehaven did make progress they always came away from our line with points to their credit. These being two penalty goals, one by Cassie and Shepherd and a late drop goal by McFarlane.

This was indeed a very disappointing result for with the ability we have in our side, we should have won this game comfortably, but there seemed very little effort, which as we said before, was missing from everyone of our thirteen players.

Injuries

Still on our injury list are winger Keri Jones with knee ligament trouble and forward Geoff Fletcher, also with knee ligament trouble. Possibly one of these, Fletcher, could be fit for today's game, but not knowing how the Salford game went, we are hoping that we do not add to our injury list.



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Re-arranged Fixture

Our league match at Widnes which was due to be played on Wednesday of next week has now been re-arrange for **Friday, 19th September, kick-off 7.30 p.m.** at the request of the Widnes club.

Lancashire Cup Second Round

WIGAN v WHITEHAVEN — Monday, 22nd Sept., 1969. Tickets will be on sale for the above game as follows:—

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- 7 Oct. LEIGH v WAKEFIELD TRINITY
- 14 Oct. WIGAN/WARRINGTON v HULL
- 21 Oct. SALFORD v HUDDERSFIELD/CASTLEFORD
- 28 Oct. KEIGHLEY v HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

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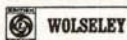
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Week ending 1st September, 1969

	pts.		pts.
1 SALFORD	62	16 FEATHERSTONE R.	—3
2 BRADFORD N.	61	17 WARRINGTON	—7
3 WIGAN	55	18 WORKINGTON T.	—9
4 LEIGH	50	19 HALIFAX	—15
5 WIDNES	42	20 WAKEFIELD T.	—18
6 ST. HELENS	39	21 DEWSBURY	—22
7 WHITEHAVEN	36	22 HUNSLET	—23
8 HULL K. R.	22	23 DONCASTER	—25
9 ROCHDALE H.	19	24 HUDDERSFIELD	—26
10 CASTLEFORD	15	25 BRAMLEY	—27
11 HULL	12	26 BATLEY	—29
12 LEEDS	8	27 BARROW	—39
13 KEIGHLEY	7	28 BLACKPOOL B.	—52
14 YORK	2	29 OLDHAM	—53
15 SWINTON	1	30 HUYTON	—83

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1st October to 30th November

1st December to 31st January

1st February to end of season

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We hope our team get back to winning ways today.

May we take this opportunity of thanking you all who support us on the supporters coach to away matches.

MEMBERS NOTICE

Our next away coach is for the Widnes match on Friday, September, 19th.

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(up to and including Saturday, 6th September, 1969)

Appearances Tries		Appearances Tries	
Ashcroft, K.	8 —	Tyrer, C.	8 5
Ashurst, W.	3 2		Goals
Clarke, C.	6 2	Denley, J.	3
Denley, J.	1 —	Tyrer, C.	31
Eastham, P.	1 —		
Fletcher, G.	7 2	NOTE: The part of the match played by	
Fogerty, T.	7 1	substitutes is not recorded for appearance	
Francis, W.	8 4	purposes and any tries or goals scored by	
Hill, C.	3 2	substitutes are recorded separately.	
Hill, D.	8 8		Tries
Hogan, B.	7 —	Ashurst, W.	1
Jones, K.	5 2	Fogerty, T.	1
Laughton, D.	8 —		Goals
Mills, K.	3 —	Ashurst, W.	4
Molyneux, J.	1 —		
O'Loughlin, K.	9 3	Total number of tries scored:	37
Parr, F.	8 1	Total number of goals scored:	38
Rowe, P.	8 2		
Stephens, J.	8 1		

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1969	FIRST TEAM	F. A.	"A" TEAM	F. A.
Aug. 8	WARRINGTON (Ward Cup 7-30)	H 23 12	Warrington	A 28 17
9				
12	Blackpool (7-15)	A 21 13	St. Helens (L.C.C.S. 7-30)	A 21 28
13				
16	SALFORD (L.C.C.C. 1st round)	H 25 9		
20	LEIGH (7-30)	H 24 8	Swinton	A 7 19
23	Batley	A 21 10		
26	WARRINGTON (BBC 2 F.C. 1st round)	H 22 6	BARROW	A 22 18
29	BARROW (7-30)	H 40 12		
30				
Sept. 1	Leigh (7-30)	A 6 14	ST. HELENS (L.C.C.S. 7-30)	H 6 8
3				
6	Whitehaven	A 5 11		
10	Salford (7-30)	A 14 4	Oldham	A
13	OLDHAM	A	WIDNES	H
19	Widnes (7-30)	A		
20				
22	WHITEHAVEN (L.C.C.C. 2nd round)	H		
27	BATLEY	H		
Oct. 3	Barrow (7-30)	A	BARROW	H
4			Leigh	A
11	WHITEHAVEN	H	Rochdale	A
17	ROCHDALE (7-30)	H	ST. HELENS	H
18				
25	Leeds	A		
Nov. 1	WARRINGTON	H	Warrington	A
8	Huyton	A	HUYTON	H
15	Workington	A	WORKINGTON	H
22	BLACKPOOL	H		
29	Castleford	A	St. Helens	A
Dec. 6	HULL K.R.	H		
13	Oldham	A	OLDHAM	H
20	WIDNES	H	Widnes	A
26	ST. HELENS (3-0)	H		
27				
1970				
Jan. 1	Warrington (3-0)	A	LEIGH	H
3			Salford (7-30)	A
9				
10	CASTLEFORD	H	SALFORD	H
17	Hull K.R.	A		
24	LEEDS	H	WARRINGTON	H
31				
Feb. 7	R.L.C.C. 1st round		Huyton	A
14	HUYTON	H		
21	R.L.C.C. 2nd round		ROCHDALE	H
28	Rochdale	A		
Mar. 7	Swinton	A	SWINTON	H
14	WORKINGTON	H	WORKINGTON	A
21	R.L.C.C. 1st Semi-final			
27	St. Helens (3 p.m.)	A		
28				
30	SALFORD (3 p.m.)	H		
Apr. 4	R.L.C.C. 2nd Semi-final			
11	SWINTON	H	Swinton	A